

Remarks

Claims 18-24 are pending after the cancellation of claims 1-17 without prejudice. New claims 18, 19 and 20 correspond to claims 2, 3 and 5 as filed, respectively. Support for these claims is found throughout the specification and claims as filed, for example, at page 3 of the specification. New claim 21 is submitted to further clarify the invention. Support for new claim 21 is found in the specification where studies on mice with peripheral nerve damage are described (e.g., example 5 on pages 10-11). New claims 22-24 depend from claims 18-20, respectively, but affirmatively exclude galanin as the galanin agonist. This exclusion is supported throughout the specification where galanin is described. See In re Johnson, 558 F.2d 1008 (CCPA, 1977) for the holding that the exclusion from a claim of an element disclosed in the specification is not new matter. No new matter is believed added. Examination of claims 18-24 is respectfully requested.

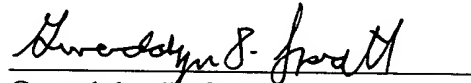
Pursuant to the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application are believed to be warranted. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,


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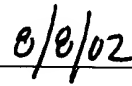

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